

Sales Tax Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes

November 15, 2012

Absent members: Mr. Terence Hinson, Mr. Will Messer, Mr. Mark Tarmey, and Mr. William Tucker

Meeting began at 4:05 pm

The Chairman discussed the upcoming meeting schedule with the Committee.

Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard

Mr. John McEachern addressed the Committee in support of a performing arts center in Tallahassee.

Ms. Kate Kile addressed the Committee in support of a performing arts center.

Mr. J.T. Burnette addressed the Committee on the need for the Community to determine a vision for the community before selecting projects for funding.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the October 11, 2012 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee

Mr. Curtis Richardson made a motion to approve the summary minutes for the October 11, 2012 meeting of the Sales Tax Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Glenda Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Presentation on the City of Tallahassee Infrastructure Projects for the Sales Tax Committee's Consideration

Ms. Anita Favors-Thompson introduced the City and Planning staffs and spoke on creating a Destination City before turning to staff to present each individual component of the projects. There will be an opportunity to merge County, City, and citizen projects once they've been presented. The City evaluated each project based on whether it: 1) provides regional impact/geographic equity; 2) enhance mobility; 3) supports recreation and quality of life; 4) benefits the environment; 5) supports economic development/revitalization; 6) is on an existing Master Plan or Blueprint List; 7) leverages other funds.

Proposed City Projects:

- Building the Core: Outdoor Pedestrian Mall
- Building the Core: Stormwater Improvements
- Building the Core: Lake Bradford Gateway
- Moving People: Redevelop C.K. Steele Plaza
- Moving People: Expand the Facility and Fleet
- Moving People: Build SuperStops
- Moving People: Build the Regional Transfer Station
- Connecting the Community: Implement the Greenways Master Plan
- Connecting the Community: Build the Bike Route System
- Connecting the Community: Complete the Sidewalk Network

- Inspiring the Creative Class: Midtown Placemaking
- Inspiring the Creative Class: Monroe-Adams Corridor Placemaking
- Inspiring the Creative Class: The Market District Placemaking
- Inspiring the Creative Class: College Avenue Placemaking
- Inspiring the Creative Class: Revitalize the North Monroe Gateway
- Inspiring the Creative Class: Goodwood Playground & Community Garden
- Inspiring the Creative Class: “America’s First Christmas” Desoto Winter Encampment
- Catalyzing Airport Development: Complete Capital Circle Southwest

Before adjourning, the Committee discussed the projects individually and overall.

The Committee asked the following information be provided to the committee on the city projects:

- A list of properties that could be opened to development if stormwater improvements are made.
- Separate dollar amounts for the signature items in each project presented.
- Project price for redeveloping C.K. Steele Center without the added retail space.
- Separate sidewalk and bike path improvement projects in school areas where ‘Safe Routes To School’ program funding might be applied.
- StarMetro project alternatives, such as more routes and smaller scale stops to provide a broader distribution of coverage.
- Information on what StarMetro would do if they found funding elsewhere.
- Incentives plan for new sewer hookups

Additionally, Sunil Harman, Tallahassee Regional Airport Director, presented a brief update on the state of the airport to address any related questions since several of the projects discussed development around the airport. Much of the report detailed the great accomplishments of the airport over the past fiscal year

Agenda Item #4: Open House

Peggy Meserve asked that the Committee consider purchasing a 25-30 acres property for a park/green space in the Eastgate neighborhood.

Richard Polangin, representing the Florida Alliance of Retired Americans, addressed the Committee on improving StarMetro. Mr. Richard Polangin also represented himself to express his desire to see a performing arts center in Tallahassee.

Joe Foster and Melanie Yeager from Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI) addressed the Committee on a gateway project for N. Monroe.

Agenda Item #5: Additional Project Identification by Committee Members

Mr. Ed Murry requested to see a gateway project for Tennessee Street.

Ms. Henree Martin asked to see a possible project on the widening of a road that runs parallel to Tennessee St that could alleviate the traffic pressures.

The Committee asked for information on relocating the Fairgrounds be brought back to them during the December meeting.

Mr. Todd Sperry made a motion to conclude meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henree Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.